(iii) Where a category of Government servants in a Department is in receipt of Risk Allowance, similar categories of Government servants in other Ministries/Departments shall also be considered for grant of Risk Allowance under similar conditions, e.g. Safaiwalas/Sanitary Cleaners working in underground drains, sewer lines, infectious diseases hospital etc.

(iv) The Risk Allowance will not be treated as 'pay' for any purpose.

2. A review of the existing categories who are already in receipt of risk allowance may be conducted to ensure that the Benefit is given only to those strictly covered under the criteria laid down in paragraph 1 (i) above. The review should be completed within a period of 3 months and report furnished to this Department.

3. Proposal for inclusion of any new category fulfilling the criteria as indicated above may be processed by the concerned Ministries in consultation with their Associate Finance and the Department of Personnel & Training. Further in identifying such categories, Staff side of the Departmental Council (JCM) may also be consulted.

4. It has also been decided that Ministries /Departments may work out suitable welfare schemes for periodical medical check-up of the staff exposed to risk in their jobs to ensure their good health.

5. These orders come into force with effect from 1st October, 1986.

6. In their application to the officers of the I.A. & A.D. these orders are issued in consultation with Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

Posts of Senior Scale officers in Railways

2680. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Senior Scale officers posts as on 31st March, 1989 in Indian Railways Department-wise and Zone-wise;

(b) what is the number of these posts which were lying vacant as on 31st March, 1989 department-wise and Zone-wise; and

(c) what is the number of these posts being manned by Group 'A' officers as on 31st March. 1989 department-wise and Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Pal scale of officers in Indian Railway

2681. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that junior scale pay is higher than the Assistant Grade officers scale in the Indian Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of group 'B' officers are working against these junior scale officers posts;

(c) if so, whether any officiating allowance/pay is granted to Asstt. grade officers working against Junior scale officer's posts; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.